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TO
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RULES AND REGULATIONS

OF THE

Sunday School Society.

I.

THIS Society shall consist of a President, Vice-Presidents, a Treasurer, and all the Governors.

II.

A subscription of One Guinea per annum shall constitute the Subscriber a Governor during the continuance of his subscription.

III.

A donation of Ten Guineas or upwards, at one time, or within the year, shall constitute the donor a Governor for life; and all contributions, however small, will be gratefully accepted.

IV.

An annual General Meeting shall be held on the Second Wednesday in April, at which Meeting, seven Governors shall constitute a Board.

V.

The President, Vice-Presidents, or Treasurer, or any seven of the Committee, shall have power to call a General Meeting, giving one week's notice in the public papers.

VI.

A Committee of Twenty-four, to consist equally of Members of the Church of England and protestant Dissenters, shall be annually chosen from among the Governors, at the annual General Meeting, who shall meet the last Wednesday in every month for conducting the affairs of the Society. The President, Vice-Presidents, and Treasurer, shall be members of all Committees; and five members shall be a quorum.

VII.

A President, Vice-President, Treasurer, or Secretary, when a vacancy happens, by death or resignation, shall be proposed by the Committee for the approbation of the General Meeting.

VIII.

No Governor shall vote at a General Meeting for any appointment to this Charity who has not been a Governor for twelve calendar months.

IX.

The Treasurer shall not pay any bills on account of this Charity without an order signed by three of the Committee.

X.

Five Auditors shall be appointed annually by the General Meeting, to examine the bills and accounts of the Treasurer.

XI.

An account of the receipts and disbursements of this Charity, shall be annually printed for the inspection of the Governors.

XII.

The Secretary shall personally attend all the Meetings of this Charity, unless prevented by indisposition; in which

case he is to send a deputy. He shall keep an accurate and methodical account of the proceedings, and do all the incidental business of this Charity. He shall apply for the annual subscriptions in London and its vicinity, and produce two or more securities, to be approved of by the Monthly Committee, who shall be bound with him in the amount of £500, in one or more bonds. He shall pay all the subscriptions to the Treasurer or Banker, and produce his account to the Committee every month, and not retain the amount of £100 at any time in his possession.

XIII.

In all places where the Schools of this Society may be established, gentlemen of respectable character in the neighbourhood shall be requested to visit them every Sunday, receive subscriptions, correspond with the Society, and suggest any improvement in the plan they may think necessary.

XIV.

The Society shall provide Spelling-Books and Testaments, for the use of the Scholars.

XV.

The Committee shall be at liberty to order lessons on working-days, where they shall think necessary.

XVI.

All the Scholars shall attend some place of public worship every Sunday; but such as their parents may respectively approve.

XVII.

All the executors or administrators of any Will, wherein is bequeathed to this Society a legacy of £100, or upwards, shall, on payment thereof, become Governors for life.



RULES

FOR

SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

I.

THE objects of this Charity shall be poor persons, of each sex, of any age, who shall be taught to read, at such times, and in such places, as the Committee by themselves, or other correspondents, shall appoint.

II.

The Teachers, by direction of the Committee, or their correspondents, shall oblige all who are committed to their charge to attend public worship every Sunday, unless prevented by illness, or other sufficient cause.

III.

The Teachers shall take care that the Scholars come clean to their respective Schools ; and if any Scholars be guilty of lying, swearing, pilfering, talking in an indecent manner, or otherwise misbehaving themselves, the Teacher shall point out the evil of such conduct ; and if, after repeated reproof, the Scholar shall not be reformed, he, or she, shall be excluded the School.

IV.

The religious observation of the Christian Sabbath being an essential object with the Society for the Support and Encouragement of Sunday Schools, the exercises of the Scholars on that day shall be restricted to reading in the Bible, and to spelling, as a preparative for it.

V.

A printed Copy of the above Rules shall be put up in the School-room, and read by the Teacher to the Scholars the first Sunday in every month.

FORM OF A BEQUEST TO THE SOCIETY.

Item, I A. B. do hereby give and bequeath the Sum
of lawful
Money of Great Britain, unto the Treasurer for the time
being, of a Voluntary Society, commonly called or known
by the name of The Society established in London for the
Support and Encouragement of Sunday Schools throughout
the British Dominions; the same to be paid within
Months next after my Decease, out of the MONIES arising
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REPORT.

1818.

YOUR Committee, in the discharge of the duty imposed upon them by the constitution of this Society, have much whereon to congratulate the friends and supporters of this Institution, in presenting the Annual Report of its proceedings, and therein the progress which has been made towards the extended and liberal object which it professes to have in view—the instituting and encouraging of Schools for the Religious Instruction of the Poor throughout the British Dominions.

Your Committee have purposely introduced, thus early, a distinct view of the benevolent spirit of that title which you have adopted for the following reasons.

First, because they are convinced that the moral benefits resulting to society in general from the fulfilment of the design of this Institution, must dispose every rational, every wise and considerate inhabitant of this kingdom, to assist in disseminating such instruction as tends to promote sober habits, honest industry, and loyal conduct.—Secondly, because every

thinking Christians must see that in addition to the great benefits just mentioned, the operations of this Society are absolutely necessary to give effect to the benevolent exertions of the several other pious institutions of the day, and to open a passage for the free communication of the blessed precepts of God's Holy Word, to the yet uninstructed minds of those whom He has chosen rich in faith and heirs of His promises: and, Thirdly, because by the Divine blessing, year after year has added to our hopes both in the increase of our numbers, the proportionate increase of our funds, and the providential opening of fresh fields of usefulness.

The more fully to establish these premises, your Committee beg leave to state, that during the year just ended, 250 additional Schools have been established, containing 24,262 Scholars, for whose use and for the further assistance of 63 other Schools previously established, there have been issued gratis from the Society's depository 25,960 Spelling-books, 3,129 Testaments, and 10 Bibles. The places where these new Schools have been formed are as follow:—

Bedfordshire—Cranfield, Leighton Buzzard, Stanbridge.

Berkshire—Pound Green, Reading, Tilehurst.

Buckinghamshire—Bledrowridge, Lavendon, Slapton.

Cambridgeshire—Barnwell, Trumpington.

Carmarthenshire—Carmarthen, Llangunmor (2), Lannor.

Cardiganshire—Clarack, Duffryn Perth Llanbadarn.

Carnarvonshire—Lledwigar, Trefner, Twnmyrhos.

Cheshire—Buckley Mountain, Holmes Chapel, Park, Sale, South Peover.

Cornwall—Amble, Bradford, Callington, Camelford, Chitta, Davidstow, Elscott, Gwynear, Heage (2), Linkinhorne, Mevagissey, Moor Winstow, Pengelly, Poliphant, Port Isaac, Poundstock, Rame, Redruth, Saltash, Stratton, Tramaton, Trevena, Wadebridge, West Looe.

Cumberland—Great Broughton, Ginns.

Derbyshire—Bonsall, Longhurst Lane, Market Place.

Denbighshire—Cerniage, Kenllan, Llangwann, Llanret, Treffnaut.

Devonshire—Allworthy, Ashford, Barnstaple, Buckfastleigh, Chumleigh, Clovelly, Halberton, Heanton, Honiton, Kentisbeer, Kingsbridge, Littleham, Northam, Parracombe, Petrockstow (3), Shobbear, Welland.

Dorsetshire—Bere Regis, Bridport, Verewood, Wareham.

Essex—Laycs Britton, Tollesbury.

Flintshire—Mold.

Glamorganshire—Cumburley, Estrad Mannach, Greenhill, Lansamlet, Llanharan, Llanysawl, Merthyr-Tydvil, Morris Castle, Neath, Pentre, Swansea, Tairhirrion.

Gloucestershire—Ashton Keynes, Littleworth, Longhope, Pitchcombe.

Hampshire—Andover, Bourne, Bramshot, Itchingswell, Kingsclere, Kingston, Portsea.

Herefordshire—Almeley, Ledbury, Whitechurch.

Hertfordshire—Guilden Morden, Market Street, Newnham, Roydon.

Huntingdonshire—Yaxley.

Kent—Chatham, Chetsfield, Cranbrook, Deal, Dissnes, Farnborough, Newhithe, Postling, Sandgate, Walmer, Westram, Woolwich, Word.

Lancashire—Clitheroe, Manchester (2), Rodwelland, Salford, Staley Bridge.

Lincolnshire—Barrow, Barton on Humber, Epworth, Forkley, Ruskington.

Merionethshire—Bettws, Cowell, Glenwerdy, Gwelthdwen, Llandrillo.

Middlesex—Enfield, Gray's Inn Lane, St. Luke's Old Street, Somer's Town, Short's Gardens, Seven Dials, Stepney, Newgate.

Monmouthshire—Beamford Iron Works, Caerwent, Magore, Rumney Iron Works, Fredigar Iron Works.

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Norfolk—Neatishead, Thetford, Wells, Wiggshall, Wymondham.

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Nottinghamshire—Rampton, Sutton.

Oxfordshire—Peppard Common, Tetsworth.

Pembrokeshire—Begelly, Carew, Lawrennie, Newport, Stainton.

Salop—Broseley, Clive, Eaton Constantine, Halesowen, Leintwardine, Wellington.

Somersetshire—Batsonborough, Bishops Hall, Glastonbury, Kingston, Minehead, Somerton, Stringston, Yeovil.

Staffordshire—Bilston, Burslem, Cannock, Cheadle, Cinder Hill, Newhall, Stretton, Winhill.

Suffolk—Charsfield, Framlingham, Little Stonham, Pakenham, Wangford, Westhall, Wingsfield, Wordwell.

Surrey—Blindley Heath, Capel, Croydon, Headley, Kent Road, Richmond, Southwark, Walton-on-the-Hill, Wandsworth, West Moulsey.

Sussex—Alciston, Ashburnham, Fittleworth, Harting, Littlington, New Shoreham, Midhurst, Westfield.

Warwickshire—Atchleach, Nuneaton, Olberrow, Shottery, Southwick.

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Worcestershire—Fakenham, Stourport.

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Your Committee gratefully exult in being able to lay before the friends of the Institution so prosperous an account as the foregoing; encouragement rich, and fully correspondent to your utmost expectations has annually crowned the efforts of this Society; and now, after an exertion of thirty-three years, such are her prospects, and such have been found the blessings which under God she has been made to dispense, that the gates seem at length opening to admit her march more free, and more consistent with both the letter and spirit of her title, as spreading instruction “throughout the British Dominions.”

Your Committee feel satisfied, that the recapitulation of the Society's operations from its first establishment up to the present day, will not only bespeak the justice of its title, but must also in the strongest manner appeal for and establish her claim to further and more enlarged support.

The total number of Schools established by this Society amounts to no less than 5,247, containing 443,693 Scholars; the total number of books issued

for their use, is 486,322 Spelling-books, 93,362 Testaments, and 8,176 Bibles; besides which, the sum of £4,179 8s. 5d. was expended during the first twenty years of the Society, in the hire of teachers, an expence which has now entirely ceased, owing to the gratuitous zeal generally manifested to teach without any other reward than the pleasure derived from the fruits and effects of so laudable a sacrifice of time and labour.

To so great an extent have the efforts of your Society been blessed, that the benefits of living in a free country, under the uncontroled preaching of the word of Truth, seem at length to be experienced; and that darkness which, notwithstanding such solid advantages long maintained its empire over the greater space of our moral horizon, is departing like the shades of night before the rising sun. The light of God's word has arisen to chase this pestilential mist; already the star of hope has visited us, and ere long by the continuance of your pious exertions may we expect to see the day spring from on high; for he has said, "in due time ye shall reap if ye faint not."

Having premised thus much, your Committee have now to report, that with a view to maintain a strict application of economy in the management of the Society's affairs, they have been induced to adopt the measure of stereotyping the Spelling-book of the Society, by which means that item of expense has been con-

siderably reduced, and a saving has been advantageously effected.

Your Committee have also to notice an application (amongst many others) from the Isle of Man, requesting the Society to undertake the printing of an elementary book in the Mank's language.—Your Committee strongly recommend the adoption of the proposed measure so soon as an approved manuscript copy can be procured for that purpose, upon the grounds that portions of the Holy Scripture have already been printed, and that the Church Service is for the most part performed in that language on the Island. For such undertakings, however, much support will be requisite; and your Committee cannot but hope, that the recent examples of liberality and benevolence which they are now called upon to acknowledge with great gratitude may be abundantly imitated, namely, a donation of £500 from an anonymous friend; a legacy of £200 from our late worthy Vice-President, John Harman, Esq. deceased; £30 from John Broadley Wilson, Esq. of Clapham Common, and £21 from John Gurney, Esq. of Serjeant's Inn.

Such liberality marks strongly the high opinion entertained of the beneficial effects of your Society's efforts, and your Committee confidently trust that such noble examples, and such substantial panegyric, will avail much in pointing out the importance of this Institution, and in procuring it more universal countenance and support.

Your Committee cannot better close their Report, than by humbly and gratefully acknowledging the protecting blessing of that Heavenly Shepherd, who disposes the hearts of some, and loudly appeals to all those who take His name upon them, if they love him, to feed His lambs.

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| Davy, Thomas, Esq. Gould-square | 1 | 1 | 0 |
| Denne, William, Esq. deceased, a Legacy | 500 | 0 | 0 |
| *Dent, Robert, Esq. Temple-bar | 10 | 10 | 0 |
| *Dent, William, Esq. Garraway's Coffee-house . | 10 | 10 | 0 |
| Dew, Mr. Edward, Custom-house | 1 | 1 | 0 |
| Dixon, Charles, Esq. Savage-gardens | 1 | 1 | 0 |
| Dixon, William, Esq. Blackheath | 10 | 10 | 0 |
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| *Doidge, R. Esq. Elfordleigh, near Plymouth . | 10 | 10 | 0 |
| *Dore, Rev. James, Walworth | 10 | 10 | 0 |
| *Dorrien, Thomas, Esq. Finch-lane | 10 | 10 | 0 |
| Driver, Mr. Thomas, Stoke Newington | 1 | 1 | 0 |
| Duncan, Alexander, Esq. deceased, a Legacy . | 100 | 0 | 0 |
| Duncan, Mrs. ditto | 50 | 0 | 0 |
| *D. J. by Sir Richard Hoare | 10 | 0 | 0 |
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| Etheridge, Samuel, Esq. late of Hackney, de- ceased, a Legacy | 50 | 0 | 0 |

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| Fell, Mr. George, late of Tavistock-street, a Legacy | 21 | 8 | 0 |
| *Fenn, Nathaniel, Esq. Hackney..... | 60 | 10 | 0 |
| *Fenn, Thomas, Esq. Ballingdon, Suffolk..... | 10 | 10 | 0 |
| Fennell, Richard, Esq. 10, St. Mary-axe..... | 1 | 1 | 0 |
| *Fenton, David, Esq. Reading, Berkshire..... | 10 | 10 | 0 |
| *Fenwick, Nicholas, Esq. Elsinour..... | 10 | 10 | 0 |
| Fenwick, Mr. Henry, Little Moorfields..... | 1 | 1 | 0 |
| *Ferry, Lincolnshire, Managers of the Sunday School at | 2 | 0 | 0 |
| *Finch, James, Esq. Sible Hedingham | 10 | 10 | 0 |
| Flight, Joseph, Esq. Coventry-street | 1 | 1 | 0 |
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| *Fox, Mr. William, Mare-street, Hackney | 1 | 1 | 0 |
| *Free, John, Esq. Bartholomew-lane..... | 10 | 10 | 0 |
| *Freeman, John, Esq. 9, Judd-place, East | 10 | 10 | 0 |
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| Goadby, Samuel, Esq. late of Spital-square, a Legacy | 50 | 0 | 0 |
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| Gorst, Mr. James, Polygon, Somers-town.... | 1 | 1 | 0 |
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| Gouldsmith, Jesse, Esq. Islington | 1 | 1 | 0 |
| Gouldsmith, Misses M. and E. ditto | 1 | 1 | 0 |
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| Gouldsmith, Mr. Jesse, jun. ditto..... | 0 | 10 | 6 |
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| Gray, Edward, Esq. Leadenhall-street..... | 1 | 1 | 0 |
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| Grey, The Honorable Lady, Portsmouth..... | 1 | 1 | 0 |
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| Guillebaud, Peter, Esq. Spital-square | 1 | 1 | 0 |
| Gulston, Frederick, Esq. West Clandon, Surrey | 1 | 1 | 0 |
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| *Hanson, John, Esq. Bruton-street | 10 | 10 | 0 |
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| *Harman, John, Esq. late of Finsbury-square, deceased, a Legacy | 200 | 0 | 0 |
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| *Hart, George, Esq. Newington-place..... | 5 | 5 | 0 |
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| Hollier, William, Esq. Love-lane | 1 | 1 | 0 |
| Holmes, John, Esq. Guildhall. | 1 | 1 | 0 |
| Holt, William, Esq. Broad-street | 1 | 1 | 0 |
| Hood, Mr. William, Wood-street | 1 | 1 | 0 |
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| Hughes, Thomas, Esq. Bunhill-row | 1 | 1 | 0 |
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| Jackson, John, Esq. deceased, a Legacy in Bank Stock | 200 | 0 | 0 |
| Jackson, Mr. John, deceased, a Legacy | 100 | 0 | 0 |
| Jackson, Susannah, late of Percy-street, de- ceased, a Legacy of £100, reduced 3 per cent. annuities | | | |
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| Jones, Mr. Richard, 14, Long-acre | 1 | 1 | 0 |
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| Jowett, Mr. Joshua, Queen-street, Lincoln's- Inn-Fields | 1 | 1 | 0 |
| Julian, Mr. William, Aberystwith..... | 1 | 1 | 0 |
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| Kenton, Benjamin, Esq. deceased, a Legacy .. | 300 | 0 | 0 |
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| Kempenfelt, G. A. Esq. deceased, a Legacy.. | 500 | 0 | 0 |
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| *Lea, Richard, Esq. Old Jewry | 10 | 10 | 0 |
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| Lloyd, Mr. William Freeman, Mason's-hall.... | 1 | 1 | 0 |
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| *Maitland, John, Esq. V. P. Woodford | 10 | 10 | 0 |
| Manning, Mr. William, Custom-house | 1 | 1 | 0 |
| *Marriott, Mr. William, York-place, City-road .. | 10 | 10 | 0 |
| Marriott, Miss, by Messrs. Down and Co. | 1 | 1 | 0 |
| Marsden, Robert, Esq. Doughty-street | 1 | 1 | 0 |
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| *Martin, A. Esq. Charlotte-street, Bloomsbury .. | 18 | 18 | 0 |
| *Meyer, James, Esq. Leadenhall-street | 10 | 10 | 0 |
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| *Moore, Mr. William, Ludgate-hill | 10 | 10 | 0 |
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| Neale, Mr. Corn. St. John's Col. Cambridge .. | 1 | 1 | 0 |
| Nelson, Mr. David, late of Kirby-street, a Legacy | 22 | 10 | 0 |
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| Newton, Rev. John, late of Coleman-street- buildings, deceased, a Legacy | 50 | 0 | 0 |

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| Patterson, Alexander, Esq. late of Hoxton, deceased, a Legacy, 3 per Cent. Consols.... | 200 | 0 | 0 |
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| *Plumer, the Right Hon. Sir Thomas, (Vice-Chancellor of England) V. P. Great Guildford-street | 10 | 10 | 0 |
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| Pooley, William, Esq. deceased, a Legacy..... | 100 | 0 | 0 |
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| *Pusey, The Hon. Philip, V. P. Grosvenor-square, five Donations | 91 | 10 | 0 |
| *Rae, John, Esq. Staines, two Donations..... | 15 | 10 | 0 |
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| *Shaw, Benjannin, Esq. M. P. and V. P. London-bridge | 21 | 0 | 0 |
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| Smith, George, Esq. M. P. Upper Harley-street | 2 | 2 | 0 |
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| *Stratton, Samuel, Esq. Little St. Helens | 10 | 10 | 0 |
| Stratton, Mr. William, Piccadilly | 1 | 1 | 0 |
| Styan, Thomas, Esq. Scott's-yard | 1 | 1 | 0 |
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| *Sutherland, A. H. Esq. Gower-street | 10 | 10 | 0 |
| *Swansea, collected by the Rev. Mr. Kemp | 5 | 1 | 2 |
| Sweet, John, Esq. deceased, a Legacy | 50 | 0 | 0 |
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| Taylor, Mr. William, Tottenham-court-road... | 1 | 1 | 0 |
| Taylor, William, Esq. late of Newgate-street, a Legacy £100. (less, Duty £10)..... | 90 | 0 | 0 |
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| Teape, Mr. Henry, Tower-hill | 1 | 1 | 0 |
| Terrington, William, Esq. King's-arms-yard... | 2 | 2 | 0 |
| Thompson, Isaac, Esq. Cross-lane, St Mary-hill | 1 | 1 | 0 |
| *Thompson, Thomas, Esq. M. P. Hull | 10 | 10 | 0 |
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| *Thornton, Samuel, Esq. V. P. sundry Donations | 36 | 15 | 0 |
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| *Thornton, Robert, Esq..... | 10 | 10 | 0 |
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| Thornton, Edward N. Esq. Borough | 1 | 1 | 0 |
| Tolson, Thomas, Esq. deceased, a Legacy | 200 | 0 | 0 |
| Tomkins, Samuel, Esq. Lombard-street..... | 2 | 2 | 0 |
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| *Torriano, W. H. Esq. Vellore, East Indies.... | 10 | 0 | 0 |
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| *Travers, Joseph, Esq. Swithin's-lane..... | 10 | 10 | 0 |
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| *Turner, William, Esq. Belmont | 10 | 0 | 0 |
| *Tyrwhitt, Rev. Robert | 30 | 10 | 0 |
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| *Vallance, Thomas, Esq. Cheapside..... | 10 | 10 | 0 |
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| Virtue, Miss Hannah, late of Hackney, deceased, Legacy £50, 3 per Cent. Consols. | | | |

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| Wild, John, Esq. Martin's-lane..... | 1 | 1 | 0 |
| Wilkinson, Miss, Clapham..... | 1 | 1 | 0 |
| Wilkinson, Mr. Thomas, 60, Prescott-street ... | 1 | 1 | 0 |

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| *Williams, Rev. Thomas, Stepney..... | 10 | 10 | 0 |
| Williamson, Mr. Wm. Greenfield, Holywell .. | 0 | 10 | 6 |
| Wilson, William, Esq. Milk-street..... | 2 | 2 | 0 |
| Wilson, Joseph, jun. Esq. ditto..... | 2 | 2 | 0 |
| *Wilson, John Broadley, Esq. Clapham Common | 30 | 0 | 0 |
| Wilson, John, Esq. Islington..... | 1 | 1 | 0 |
| Wilson, Mr. John, jun. Goldsmith-street..... | 1 | 1 | 0 |
| Wilson, Stephen, Esq. Old-Jewry..... | 1 | 1 | 0 |
| Wilson, Thomas, Esq. Islington | 1 | 1 | 0 |
| *Ditto | 5 | 5 | 0 |
| Woodward, Mr. John, Bull-head-court, New- gate-street | 1 | 1 | 0 |
| Wolfe, Mr. J. A. Haymarket..... | 1 | 1 | 0 |
| Wolff, George, Esq. Commercial-Office, Minc- ing-lane | 1 | 1 | 0 |
| Wood, Matthew, Esq. M. P. Alderman. Falcon- square..... | 1 | 1 | 0 |
| *Woodhall, M. Esq..... | 10 | 10 | 0 |
| Wright, Mr. William James, Bow-lane..... | 1 | 1 | 0 |
| *Wright, Mr. Ell. Earith, Huntingdonshire | 10 | 10 | 0 |
| Wyatt, Mr. Robert, Coleman-street..... | 1 | 1 | 0 |
| *W. T. Epsom..... | 10 | 0 | 0 |
| *W. T. | 10 | 0 | 0 |
| *W. | 21 | 0 | 0 |
| *W. | 21 | 0 | 0 |
| W. by T. | 1 | 0 | 0 |
| *Yates, Mr. Richard, King-street, Snow-hill.... | 2 | 0 | 0 |
| Yorke, George, Esq. Wisbeach | 1 | 1 | 0 |
| *Youth's Magazine, by the Committee of the .. | 25 | 0 | 0 |
| *Z. Y. | 30 | 0 | 0 |

At a Meeting of the Committee, December 28, 1814,
It was Resolved,

That, in consequence of the eminent services rendered at various times to this Society by the Rev. John Owen, M. A. he be elected an Honorary Member of this Society.

HONORARY MEMBERS.

John William Adam, Esq. New Grove-house, Mile-end.
 C. Denne, Esq. Curzon-street.
 William Francis, Esq. Battersea-rise.
 William Freme, Esq. Tower-hill.
 Joseph Gutteridge, Esq. Denmark-hill.
 Charles Hippuff, Esq. Birchin-lane.
 Thomas Key, Esq. Minories.
 Mr. Thomas Kincaid, Fort-street, Spitalfields.
 R. Maddock, Esq. St. James's-place.
 T. S. Penoyre, Esq. Leadenhall-street.
 Thomas Platt, Esq. Stamford-street.
 Joseph Silver, Esq. Hatton-garden.
 Rev. Basil Woodd, M. A. Paddington.
 Messrs. Jacob, William, and James Wood, Threadneedle-
 street.
 Executors to Thomas Carter, Esq. late of Peckham.
 Richard Moseley, Esq. Piccadilly.
 Thomas Parkes, Esq. Barnett.
 Thomas Walker, Esq. Piccadilly.

N. B. If any Subscriber's name is omitted, he is requested to send
 his address to the Secretary.

A LIST OF MINISTERS

WHO HAVE PREACHED AND MADE COLLECTIONS
FOR THE SOCIETY.

1787.

Rev. Dr. Kay, Dean of Lincoln, St. Martin's
in-the-Fields.

Rev. Henry Foster, M. A. Long-acre.

Rev. William Romaine, M. A. Blackfriars.

Rev. Dr. Addington, Miles's lane, Cannon-
street. Collected this Year.....£239 9 2

1788.

Rev. John Newton, M. A. St. Mary Wool-
noth, Lombard-street.

Rev. Mr. Hutton, St. Lawrence, Jewry.

Rev. Mr. Dawes, St. Michaels, Cornhill.

Rev. Abraham Booth, Prescott-street.

Rev. Mr. Swain, St. George the Martyr,
Queen's-square.

Rev. Joseph Barber, Founder's hall, Loth-
bury. Collected this Year..... 174 1 0

1789.

Rev. Rowland Hill, M. A. Surry-chapel.

Rev. James Dore, M. A. Maze-pond, South-
wark. Collected this Year 57 19 2

1791.

Rev. John Newton, M. A. St. Mary Wool-
noth, Lombard-street, 2nd Collection .. 54 2 0

Rev. John Newton, M. A. St. Mary Wool-
noth, Lombard-street, 3rd Collection ... 50 13 6

1797.

Rev. Henry Foster, M. A. St. Saviour's
Southwark.....£19 7 8

1798.

Rev. Rowland Hill, M. A. Surrey Chapel.... 40 16 2

1799.

Rev. John Owen, M. A. Clapham Church.... 63 10 0

1800.

Rev. Henry Foster, M. A. Long-acre.

Rev. John Clayton, Weigh-house Meeting.

Collected this Year 101 18 6

1801.

Rev. William Goode, M. A. Blackfriars..... 13 14 8

1802.

Rev. John Cooke, Old Jewry.

Rev. Samuel Crowther, M. A. Christ-church.

Rev. William Jay, Miles's-lane.

Rev. Robert Hall, Salter's-hall.

Collected this Year 149 0 8½

1804.

Rev. Andrew Fuller, Hackney.

Rev. John Owen, M. A. St. Lawrence, Jewry 87 3 4

1805.

Rev. William Bengo Collyer, D. D. Salter's-
hall 40 0 0

1806.

Rev. Joseph Benson, New Chapel, City-road.

Rev. Adam Clarke, Queen-street Chapel,
Lincoln's-inn-fields 102 5 9

Rev. Samuel Crowther, M. A. Christ-church,
Newgate-street 43 1 0½

1814.

Rev. John Owen, M. A. St. Lawrence, Jewry.

Collected at the Church Doors £62 12 8

Received Donations and Annual

Subscriptions in the Vestry.. 31 5 0

93 17 8

1815.

Rev. Charles Jerram, M. A. at St. Mildred's
in the Poultry.

Collected at the Church Doors £31 6 6

Donations and Annual Subscrip-

tions in the Vestry..... 16 16 0

48 2 6

1816.

Rev. William Marsh, M. A. (Rector of St.
Peter's, Colchester,) at St. Lawrence,

Jewry 25 10 0

Rev. Thomas Raffles, at Camomile-street 10 3 9

1817.

Rev. J. W. Cunningham, M. A. at Clapham

Church 75 14 11

*An Account of the Receipts and Payments of the Sunday School Society, from the
31st December, 1816, exclusive, to the 31st December, 1817, exclusive.*

| RECEIVED. | | PAID. | |
|---|------------|--|------------|
| Balance, as per Account ending 31st Day of December, 1816, brought forward..... | £54 5 2 | Printing the Society's Books, Binding, and Stationery | £404 5 0 |
| Annual Subscriptions within the Year 1817.... | 296 10 0 | Advertisements, Rent of Committee Room, Insurance, Collector's Allowance, Packing Cases, Cord, Wharfage, Cartage, Postage, Porters, &c. | 87 18 8 |
| Half a Year's Dividend on £200, 3 per Cents. | £3 0 0 | Rent of Office, one Year | 21 0 0 |
| Ditto..... | £15 0 0 | Secretary's Salary, one Year | 21 0 0 |
| One Year's Dividend on £3000, 4 per Cent..... | 120 0 0 | Ditto, a Gratuity for extra Service | 539 0 0 |
| One Year's Dividend on £250 Bank Stock..... | 25 0 0 | Purchase of £800, 3 per Cent. Consolidated Annuites..... | 1203 3 8 |
| One Year's Dividend on £300 India Bonds.... | 10 0 0 | Balance in the hand of the Treasurer on the 31st December, 1817 | 156 10 0 |
| One Year's Dividend on £200 Exchequer Bills. | 9 16 1 | | |
| A Legacy, by the late John Harman, Esq. | 260 0 0 | | |
| A Collection after a Sermon preached at Clapham Church by the Rev. J. W. Cunningham, M. A. | 75 14 11 | | |
| By Sale of the Rev. W. Marsh's Sermon | 2 0 0 | | |
| | £1359 13 8 | | £1359 13 8 |

We, the Auditors, have examined this Account and find it correct, leaving a Balance of One Hundred and Fifty-six Pounds Ten Shillings, due to the Society on the 31st December, 1817, as above stated; and likewise £1000 Three per Cent. Consolidated Annuities, £3000 Four per Cent. Annuities, £250 Bank Stock, £200 India Bonds, and £200 Exchequer Bills in the hands of the Treasurer. Witness our Hands, this 19th Day of February, 1818.

(Signed)
WILLIAM HOLT.
JOHN HOLMES.
J. HINDMAN.

At the General Meeting held at Batson's Coffee-House,
Cornhill, on the 12th April, 1815,

It was Resolved,

That considering the extensive operation of this Society,
and the very limited state of its funds, every Member be
earnestly requested to exert himself in his respective con-
nexions to obtain further support.

THOMAS SMITH, Secretary.

STATEMENT OF THE SCHOOLS

Which have been established and assisted by the Society since its commencement in the Year 1785, up to Lady-day, 1817.

| | | | |
|-----------------------|-----|------------------------|-----|
| BEDFORDSHIRE | 102 | Kent | 181 |
| Berkshire | 80 | Lancashire | 168 |
| Buckinghamshire | 122 | Leicestershire | 107 |
| Cambridgeshire | 61 | Lincolnshire | 56 |
| Cheshire | 33 | Middlesex | 175 |
| Cornwall | 89 | Nore, at the, on board | |
| Cumberland | 12 | his Majesty's Ship, | |
| Derbyshire | 72 | Namur | 2 |
| Devonshire | 126 | Norfolk | 57 |
| Dorsetshire | 115 | Northamptonshire | 163 |
| Durham | 78 | Northumberland | 42 |
| Essex | 145 | Nottinghamshire | 39 |
| Gloucestershire | 161 | Oxfordshire | 109 |
| Hampshire | 101 | Rutland | 11 |
| Herefordshire | 28 | Shropshire | 69 |
| Hertfordshire .. | 86 | Somersetshire | 177 |
| Huntingdonshire | 18 | Staffordshire | 97 |
| Isle of Ceylon | 4 | Suffolk | 80 |
| Isle of Man | 17 | Surrey | 92 |
| Isle of Wight | 8 | Sussex | 90 |
| Isle of Sheppey | 1 | Warwickshire | 113 |
| Isle of Thanet | 1 | Westmoreland | 7 |
| Isle of Jersey | 2 | Wiltshire | 138 |
| On board the Raison- | | Worcestershire | 64 |
| able, in the Harbour | | Yorkshire | 270 |
| of Sheerness | 1 | | |

NORTH WALES.

| | |
|---------------------------------------|-----|
| Anglesea | 8 |
| Carnarvonshire | 45 |
| Flintshire and Denbigh- shire..... | 74 |
| Isle of Anglesea | 57 |
| Merionethshire | 46 |
| Montgomeryshire | 105 |
| Radnorshire..... | 8 |

SOUTH WALES.

| | |
|-----------------------|----|
| Brecknockshire | 24 |
| Cardiganshire | 59 |
| Carmarthenshire | 56 |
| Glamorganshire | 40 |
| Monmouthshire | 22 |
| Pembrokehire | 34 |

SCOTLAND.

| | |
|----------------|---|
| Greenock | 1 |
| Dunbar | 1 |

IRELAND.

Sundry Schools at Armagh,
Limerick, Wicklow, Cork,
Youghall, Greville, Sligo,
Cavan, Kinsdale, &c.

NOVA SCOTIA.

| | |
|----------------|---|
| Anapolis | 1 |
| Halifax..... | 1 |

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|-------------------|---|
| NEWFOUNDLAND | 9 |
|-------------------|---|

NORTH AMERICA.

| | |
|--------------|---|
| Canada | 1 |
|--------------|---|

WEST INDIES.

| | |
|---------------|---|
| Antigua | 3 |
| Bermuda | 1 |
| Tortola | 4 |

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|---------------------|----|
| SCILLY ISLANDS..... | 12 |
|---------------------|----|

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|--------------------|---|
| NEW SOUTH WALES... | 2 |
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GENERAL STATEMENT

OF THE

SCHOOLS ESTABLISHED AND ASSISTED,

Number of Scholars Educated,

AND

BOOKS DISTRIBUTED.

| | |
|--|---------|
| SCHOOLS ESTABLISHED AND ASSISTED | 5,247 |
| SCHOLARS EDUCATED, UPWARDS OF | 443,693 |

BOOKS GIVEN AWAY.

| | |
|----------------------|---------|
| SPELLING-BOOKS | 486,322 |
| TESTAMENTS | 93,362 |
| BIBLES | 8,177 |

In addition to which, the sum of £4179. 18s. 5d. has been expended in the Payment of Teachers, in situations where they could not otherwise be obtained.

The COMMITTEE having received many Letters giving pleasing Accounts of the great Utility of SUNDAY-SCHOOLS, submit the following Extracts to the Notice of the Public.

Common Green, near Omagh, (Ireland.)

"SIR,

"I have for some years conducted a Sabbath-School at this place, which has become the most numerous, I believe in Ireland, having 600 and upwards on my books, though three miles distant from a town or village. I have been instrumental in aiding a School at Bally-jauly; at Letterkenny, (County Donegall,) Ballibay, (County Monaghan,) and one is now set on foot in the town of Omagh. The numbers in those other places may be estimated at 300. I have no pecuniary aid, nor indeed am I favourable to aid of that kind; and were it not for the liberality of the Societies in London in books, I know not how I should have proved so useful. I have already received from your Society Spelling-Books and Testaments, which proved very seasonable; and I have great pleasure in stating, that, by prudent management, the Roman Catholics seek after the Scriptures with as much avidity as the Protestants. I have now to request for the above Schools 600 Spelling-Books. I would require 300 Testaments, but I fear to make such demands. But where can I look, with any hope of success, but to those whom the Lord has not only blessed with the means, but with a willing heart, to bestow those treasures that make rich indeed both the giver and receiver? Was I amply supplied with books, I could extend these Schools considerably.

"It becomes me to return your Society my humble thanks for their former bounty; but trusting the glory of God is alone had in view, and that to extend the Redeemer's kingdom is all their aim, may He bless and direct their labours into that channel which He will own and approve at his second coming; and to His name be the praise for raising up such instruments to aid and animate us in this neglected country—neglected by man, but highly favoured of God.

"I remain, Sir, with grateful thanks for past favours, and confidence for further,

"Your obedient humble servant."

Lampeter Velfrey, near Narberth.

"DEAR SIR,

"About eleven years ago I began setting up Sunday-Schools, in South Wales principally, and have taught and instituted Sunday-Schools, entirely at my own expence, to the number of about *one hundred in ten* different counties in South and North Wales, and in some parts of England, inclusive of thirty Schools in parish-churches.

"There is no need for me to inform the benevolent Committee what a vast deal of permanent good the Society have done in Wales. May God reward them abundantly for their love to the cause of God in the happiness of immortal souls!

"I remain, dear Mr. Secretary,

"Your's very respectfully."

Kettering,

"DEAR SIR,

"I have this day received a parcel from you, containing, according to your advice, one hundred and fifty

Spelling-Books, two copies of Hints to Sunday-Schools, and thirty Testaments. You will have the goodness to return our warmest acknowledgments for them to the Society. I trust our "labour will not be in vain in the Lord." The reformation of the conduct and manners of the children is admired by all; and many express their high approbation of the design, and the pains taken with the children.—Some of the girls, instead of being found in a disorderly state about the streets in an evening, are attending to what has been recommended in the School; and have got collects, psalms, hymns, and portions of the Scriptures, to say by heart on Sunday. More than half of the number of scholars in the Girls' School, (now near 100,) say something in this way voluntarily, every Sunday; some get whole chapters. The attention at church is greatly improved; and the Schools may now, I hope, be considered as an important part of the congregation, from whom good may reasonably be expected. I hope the Society sees great cause to rejoice in the gladness of heart and comfort, which they have been the laudable instruments of communicating to families and individuals. May the good seed spring up, and bring forth fruit, thirty, sixty, a hundred fold.

"I remain,

"Your obliged and humble servant."

Luton, near Chatham.

"SIR,

"Will you be so good as to present our grateful acknowledgments to the Committee of the Sunday School-Society, for the liberal assistance they have given to the Luton Sunday-School, enabling us to confer more personal benefit to the children than before.

"The alteration at Luton, with respect to the Sabbath-day, is equal perhaps to any recommended to your attention. The village is about a mile from town, and further from the parish church, and notoriously disgraced by Sabbath-breaking; the children amusing themselves at all manner of diversion, insomuch that the inhabitants have observed that Sunday never came to Luton. A decent attention to that day is now manifest, and an order prevails above our expectation. This is of more importance to the mind of youth with respect to future life than is generally supposed; to reverence the Sabbath, is the first step to a reverence of the Author of it, which impression is most important in forming future character.

"May your Society go on and patiently wait the reward. A large empire takes time to establish and confirm; and I believe the orderly instructing infant minds will accomplish great things in due season. In short, I think that Sabbath-Schools are the foundation of that universal empire the God of heaven is setting up in these days, although like a foundation below the level of the surface, and therefore not seen but by close observers.

"I am, Sir,

"In the name of your Committee,

"Your's in the kingdom of Jesus Christ."

Tutbury.

"DEAR SIR,

"The Testaments and Spelling-Books you sent us last were acceptably and thankfully received; for which you will have the goodness to present our thankful acknowledgments to the Sunday-School Society. Our great necessity, and the encouragement you gave in your kind letter with the books, unitedly prompt us to renew our application.

"In our last application, we gave you a pleasing account of the state and prospects of our Sabbath-Schools. It will undoubtedly afford you and your Society additional satisfaction, when I inform you that its present state and prospects are still as pleasing as ever. The number of our scholars is increased to 120. They behave well; many of them make considerable proficiency, and some display rather superior talents. Most of them attend the School three times every Sabbath; and about half of them are regularly catechised. We have more adults and married persons as scholars than at any former period. Several who were formerly scholars are now active and useful teachers. These things, Sir, stimulate us to persevere with greater diligence in our important calling. We have a pleasing prospect, and a prospect of much usefulness. May the Lord help us to be faithful.

"We are still in want of Testaments and Spelling-Books. It would be much for the benefit of our school if we had a considerable number of each. But we must not require—we only petition. You will therefore have the goodness to present our case to your Society. Wishing their laudable and benevolent endeavours may be more extensively useful to the rising generation, I subscribe myself

Your obedient servant."

Gibraltar-place, Chatham.

"DEAR SIR,

"You probably will recollect that some time ago I made an application to the Sunday School Society, through you, for Spelling-books, &c. for the children belonging to His Majesty's Ship *Namur*, at the *Nore*. As I am now leaving that Ship for the *Raisonable*, stationed in the

harbour of Sheerness, about a cable's length from the convict ship, in which I am informed by the Captain there are fifty children, I shall feel greatly obliged if the Society could supply me with books for them. The Admiral (Sir Henry Stanhope) is particularly desirous that they should be educated, and *religiously* instructed; and I am glad to find the Captain has correspondent views of the utility and importance of diffusing knowledge amongst the children of our brave tars; and sure I am, he will give to my wishes every attention and support. A school-room is fitted up in the ship, and a master and mistress are to be immediately appointed under my inspection and control; and I trust the Lord will give his blessing to our labour.

"As we have several boys amongst the convicts who are entirely ignorant, but desirous of learning to read, and as I have frequently been asked by them and others for Spelling-Books, I shall feel greatly obliged to the Society for a few books for that purpose. Indeed, it is my intention to have a School for them; and I am in hopes that much good might be done to these poor creatures by it. I beg to assure you that I am,

"Dear Sir,

"Your's faithfully."

Lothersdale.

"RESPECTED FRIEND,

"Thy kind favour of the 9th ult. I duly received, since which the books sent for the use of our school are come to hand, for which we feel ourselves very much obliged; believing that they will be very useful to the poor children who attend.

"In respect to our situation and the state of the school, it may be necessary to inform thee, that we are situated

in a remote village, at a considerable distance from any school, in a place where the generality of the inhabitants were nearly without learning, and consequently their children were brought up in ignorance, and roving about on the first day of the week (commonly called Sunday).—Under the consideration of these circumstances, we were induced to make trial of an establishment of this nature, and trust that we may say that, under the blessing of Providence, it has in a degree been instrumental in producing some reformation, as well as improvement in learning.

“Some grown people, who, when they first attended, could scarcely tell their letters, are now able to read pretty well; some of whom are married persons, which we trust may be of service both to themselves and to their offspring.

“It is mostly well attended, and the behaviour of the children pretty orderly.

“With desires that the number of those who are concerned to promote the good of mankind may be increased,

I am, with respect,

“Thy Friend.”

“SIR,

Burford.

“The liberal attention I met with from the Sunday-School Society, when I applied to you some years since, induces me again to apply to the Society for assistance.

“The population of this place may be estimated at about fifteen or sixteen hundred persons, out of which it cannot be computed that more than *one* out of every *four* go to *any* place of religious worship on the Sabbath, neither to the meeting nor church. I have no doubt the Society will agree with me in regarding this general dereliction of the duties of the Sabbath, and indeed of all religious principle, in so large a body of people, as an awful

consideration; and, as I have taken charge of the morning duty of this church on Sundays, I conceive myself in duty bound to exert myself to correct this defect. In order to effect this, I am distributing some small tracts, partly procured from the Society for promoting Christian Knowledge, of which I am a member: but your Society would give me great assistance if they could spare me some Testaments and books to learn to read in, for the encouragement of such as I may be able to recal to their duty. Should the Society accede to my request, I can assure them that I know not any place in which the cause of pure religion may be more essentially served by their assistance.

“ Your answer to my letter will much oblige, Sir,

“ Your obedient humble servant.

“ SIR,

Buckland.

“ I shall make no apology in addressing you upon a subject in which the interests of religion are concerned. About a year ago I was instituted to the rectory of —. I found the parish in such a state of ignorance, and disorder, from a variety of causes, that out of three hundred inhabitants scarcely thirty had been taught to read: and, except among the five principal farmers not more than five Bibles were to be seen in the houses. No Sunday-School had been instituted, and the only means of instruction was for the cottagers to send their children at twopence per week to two little schools under the care of women. Such, however, was the poverty of the place, that many of the labourers, could not afford this small pittance from their weekly wages. By constant catechising in the church, and some encouragement to the poor families, the number of children who can read is considerably increased; but they are so often engaged

in the fields during the week-days; that I thought little progress could be made without a Sunday-School. Every incidental expence must be defrayed by myself, as there is no independent family in the parish, and the farms are so highly rented, that I cannot apply to the tenants with any prospect of a subscription. Indeed, I believe they are very averse to such an innovation, though the extreme ignorance of the poor leads them to commit every possible depredation on their property, from want of early restraint, and early instructions in the principles of religion.

"The chief object of my present application to the Society is through your kindness to solicit their assistance towards the donation of Bibles, Testaments, and Spelling-Books, for which the poor children are exceedingly anxious. The few I have been enabled to distribute have been received with such an impression, as gives me the greatest encouragement to hope that a perseverance in this respect will be followed by the happiest effects.

"I am, Sir, with respect,

"Your very faithful and humble servant."

"SIR,

Diocese of Cork, Ireland.

"It is pleasing to observe the thirst for knowledge which pervades the lower class of society in this district. No obstacles prevent the parents from sending their children to these Schools, and many of the Roman Catholic children already evince a spirit of inquiry and independence of thinking, wholly unusual amongst persons of that persuasion.

"Any assistance from the Sunday-School Society, in the way of Spelling-Books, Testaments, &c. will be most thankfully received for these establishments, by

"Your's, &c."

FROM THE SAME.

"DEAR SIR,

Tracton.

"I fear the imputation of negligence, in not sooner acknowledging the receipt of your letter and the books, which arrived on the 9th of August last; but I wished to be able to send some information as to the use made of the generous present of the Sunday-School Society, and feel happy to state, that their bounty was most opportune, and has, I hope, been productive of good. The Protestant boys belonging to the School regularly attend divine service at my church; they have made considerable progress, both in the Church Catechism and in the Scriptural Guide to the Knowledge of the Gospel, in the form of a catechism; and also in the New Testament History. The Roman Catholic boys read the admirable selections of Scripture in your Society's Spelling-Books: They evince, in general, a thirst for knowledge; and I exercise their memory by making them rehearse some passages from the Spelling-Books, or verses from Dr. Watts's Songs for Children. The school has been opened about three months, and the greatest number of the boys were then unacquainted with the alphabet;—we have them now reading and writing, and evidently in a state of progressive improvement. The two Schools for females are conducted by young ladies of a serious and benevolent disposition. Several of the Roman Catholic girls continue to read the Scriptures in our translation with great avidity; and their parents have, I think, in one or two instances, been induced to read them also.

"Education, in any point of view, I regard of such prime importance, that I cannot but wish the number of Schools any how increased; even Roman Catholic natives, by teaching to read and write, lay a foundation on which

much good may afterwards be built. The Roman Catholic children learn their catechism and prayers by rote in Irish or in Latin, or both.

"All these are like the dawnings of evangelic light; and I hope they will encourage the labourers in the vineyard to be more industrious and active. The Romish clergy ought to stimulate us by their example—they are indefatigable; and, strange to tell, are involuntarily sapping the foundation of their authority; for they have been compelled to meet the thirst for knowledge amongst their people by religious books, periodical papers, &c. &c. in all which, though grossly superstitious, there is a tendency to encourage a spirit of inquiry, which may hereafter prove widely different, in its effect, from what they now aim at. I shall be happy to hear from you at any time, and remain,

"Dear Sir,
"Your obliged and humble servant."

"SIR,

Bramfield.

"I beg leave to return thanks to you for your attention to my application, and to the Sunday-School Society for their donation of Testaments and Spelling-Books, sent some time ago, for the use of the Schools established under my superintendence in the parish of Walpole.

"I have deferred making this acknowledgment before, that I might be enabled to make some report of the progress of the children. The beneficial effects have fully answered my expectations. The parish is much more quiet and orderly on the Sunday than it used to be; the children, instead of profaning that day as formerly, are in

the constant habit of attending public worship; and there seems to exist among them a degree of emulation to obtain some little marks of favour, which I occasionally confer upon the most deserving.

"I beg leave to assure you of my zeal in the cause, and that I shall spare neither personal labour nor exertion to forward and promote a plan that tends so materially to promote religion and order among the lower ranks of society.

"I am, Sir,

"Your obliged and obedient servant."

"SIR,

Omagh, Ireland.

"The 550 Spelling-Books and 100 Testaments which the Sunday-School Society were pleased to order to me, proved truly acceptable; I now sit down to render an account of their distribution. Having gone to the neighbourhood of the Giant's causeway, for the benefit of sea-bathing, I took with me there 100 Spelling-Books and 24 Testaments; and though I stopped there but three weeks, I organized a Sunday-School in the village of Bush Mills, and arranged the conducting of it; and on the first Sunday I had 105 children, and the next 26 additional. It is now carried on under the direction of Mr. —, a magistrate there, who feels much interest in its success. To a Mr. Daniel Cook, of Ballygawly, who superintends six schools in this county, (Tyrone) I gave 100 Spelling-Books and 30 Testaments. To a Mr. William Waller, and John Elliot, of Letterkenny, (county Donegall) I gave 24 Spelling-Books and 16 Testaments. To Joseph Harvy, of Omagh, I gave 20 Spelling-Books and 12 Testaments. The remainder I have at Cammorangreen, where my school is, and where I reside, three miles from Omagh, the port town.

"Had it not been for the aid your Society had afforded me in books, the exertions that have been made in this kingdom would have been limited indeed. By the perseverance and truly laudable example of your London Societies, the Lord is stirring up Societies in this kingdom; but I trust all those exertions will not diminish the zeal of our friends in England. I praise the Lord, much good is already apparent. My School here is numerously attended by Papists, who commit the Scriptures to memory, and seek for a Bible as eagerly as the Protestants. These things are cause of great thankfulness to the Lord, who alone can render our feeble efforts effectual.

"I am, Sir,

"Your obliged faithful servant."

"MY DEAR SIR,

Flaraville, Cork.

"It is nearly eighteen months since the Sunday-School Society granted a Supply of Testaments and Spelling-Books to our Sunday-School established in Cork. At that time the number of attendants amounted to about 200, but since that, I am happy to inform you, that they have increased to 300. They are closely examined every Sabbath morning in the Scriptures, by gentlemen who devote their time to this interesting exercise; and many of them have made considerable progress in the knowledge of divine truth. Of all the means used to enlighten this ignorant and superstitious people, that of Schools for the instruction of the rising generation seems the most likely to prove effectual; and to their establishment and advancement the efforts of all our good and pious people are principally directed.

"As you encouraged me, when I last had the pleasure

of seeing you in London, to apply through you to the Sunday-School Society for books, whenever wanted, I venture now to make the application. Our schools consist of 150 of each sex, in all 300; you will be best judge what number of Spelling-Books and Testaments they have occasion for. If granted, be kind enough to let me know, and when we may be likely to receive them.

“ DEAR SIR,

Bala, Merionethshire.

“ It will be satisfactory to you, I have no doubt, and to the Committee of the Sunday-School Society, to be informed of the state of our Schools in Wales in general. I wish I could give you a very particular and full account, verified by my own inspection of them; but I have not been able to visit them this summer *throughout the whole country*; but, so far as I have been able to visit them personally, and as far as my information from others extends, I have the pleasure of informing you, that, in general, they are in a flourishing state;—yes, in many parts, more so than ever they were, both as to the number of children who attend them, and the progress they make in the knowledge in divine things. Generally, in the North countries, this is true of them every where. I have been lately through several counties in South Wales: it was most delightful for me to observe the progress made since I was there about two years ago. In some districts, the grown-up young people of both sexes, as well as the children, were constantly and pleasingly employed in acquiring greater knowledge of the Bible and divine things; and the majority of them, to my great surprise, had made a public profession of religion, and bore very exemplary characters. In a few of these places, I witnessed the most delightful sight I ever saw, in their public examinations. In other

places they only wanted a little encouragement to go on with fresh vigour. I think donations of books from your Committee to the teachers, would have very great effect in re-animating the teachers, and refreshing the work among the children. I hope the Committee will not deem this as taking too much liberty with them, and making too free with their liberality. Donations from the Committee would be very acceptable, and revive the work wonderfully, as they have done in former years.— I do not know of any other way in which the charitable designs of the Committee could be accomplished better. We shall be very thankful for the least donation, whilst no quantity would be too many.

“ In Monmouthshire, Glamorganshire, Brecknockshire, and especially Radnorshire, the Sunday-Schools want a little stirring up. In Radnorshire and Monmouthshire, religion is at a very low ebb, and I do not conceive of any means more likely to revive it than setting-up Sunday-Schools in the several parishes. I beg to be remembered very kindly to the Gentlemen of the Committee.

I am, dear Sir,

“ Your's truly and affectionately.”

“ SIR,

Morrison; near Swansea.

“ I am happy to inform you that the Schools flourishes, the scholars at this time increasing, and the teachers being regular in their attendance; and much good, we trust, will accrue to the neighbourhood from this establishment. The morals of the children are much improved, and the Sabbath, instead of being spent in idleness and riot, is by many of them strictly and seriously kept. That the children may be able to read the Bible correctly, is the extent of what we aim at; and,

at the same time, we would impress upon their minds the great privileges and advantages to be obtained by a thorough knowledge of the great truths contained in the word of God.

"I am, for the Morriston Society, Sir,

"Your most obedient servant."

To the Committee of the Sunday-Society Society.

"GENTLEMEN, *Llanidloes, Montgomeryshire.*

"There are in the Parish of Llangurig in the county of Montgomery, (a very hilly country) five Sunday-Schools kept gratis with great success; most part of them are very poor, yet very anxious to be taught, and most of them had been destitute of the means of knowledge, had it not been for these Sabbatical seminaries. They are in great necessity of books. They that have Bibles and Testaments have learned several chapters, which they can repeat out. They have learned portions of the late Rev. Mr. Griffith Jones's Exposition on the Church Catechism, and Mr. Chert's Evangelical Catechism, &c. Serious impressions are to be seen on many, which have effected a thorough change in their morals; much more might be said: but we conclude in subscribing ourselves

"Your very humble Servants, the School-masters
&c. &c."

DEAR SIR,

Wigan.

"When I received the books, I was enabled to prosecute my wishes in the School with greater vigour than before; and having this assistance, could invite the chil-

dren of the poor to share in the privileges of our institution. Our School soon began to increase, and voluntary teachers came forward to our assistance. The importance of the object was immediately seen, and many are now come forward to our support by their subscriptions and donations. Our serious friends are very industrious in giving the children religious instructions, and in training them up in the fear of God. I spend a little time with them every Lord's-day, as my public engagements will allow me, and am proud to say, that the present state of the School affords me great pleasure and encouragement. We hope to enlarge the number of our scholars, as soon as we can obtain a more commodious place to teach in.

"Through the whole, then, of this brief account, you will see how much we have reason to bless God for the assistance of the Sunday-School Society, not only because it lent us help in a time of need, but as it has also been the happy means of exciting general attention in the minds of our friends and neighbours to an object which looks forward with benign aspect upon remote posterity, and through the blessed influence of the Eternal Spirit, will promote social order, lessen the sum of human depravity and misery, disseminate evangelical truth, and a glorious harvest of souls will be brought home to our incarnate Saviour. With my best wishes and prayers for the prosperity of the Sunday-School Society, and that its extensive benefits may yet increase, believe me,

"Your affectionate and humble servant."

"DEAR SIR,

Winkfield, Wilts.

The Children of the Winkfield Sunday-School are in number 103, and it is with pleasure we see the influence of this institution on the morals and sober-mindedness of

the children—in keeping them out of the paths of the destroyer, and bringing them to the house of God. It also rejoices us to see the avidity with which they attend, to witness the general propriety of their behaviour, and the frequent hosannas they unitedly offer to the Son of David. With the same feelings we add, that there are six pious teachers, whose regular attendance evinces their desire to subserve the noble purposes of this charity. Perhaps few schools are more highly favoured in this particular. We also take the liberty of saying, we are in great want of books; which we trust your wonted liberality will speedily supply.

“That out of this and all the other plantations which you are appointed to water, many may eventually be transplanted who shall grow and bloom for ever in the paradise of God, is the sincere prayer of

“Your humble servant.”

“SIR,

Sturminster, Marshall, Blandford.

“I beg leave to enclose my annual subscription to the Sunday-School Society, and have great pleasure to inform you that many instances of improvement in reading, and of reformation in the general conduct of the scholars have taken place since the establishment of my Schools. It is indeed in my power to say, and I say it with genuine satisfaction, that the children of the poor are instructed, and instead of all that idleness, misery, and vice by which country parishes are too often distinguished on a Sunday, there is now the appearance of decency, comfort, morality, and religion: and I have no means to express sufficiently my obligations to the Sunday-School Society, for their assistance and aid in accomplishing this work, in their liberal supply of books.

"I have also opened a Sunday-School in the adjoining parish of Shapwick, (about a mile distant) where I officiate, which with the one at Sturminster prospers beyond my expectations, and is productive of the most beneficial consequences.

"I beg you to accept my thanks for the great interest you have taken for the present happiness and future welfare of the children intrusted to my care.

"I remain, Sir,

"Your faithful servant."

"SIR,

Yeovil.

"I am happy in having it in my power to say, that between two and three hundred children, who did not know their letters a year ago, can read the Testament. The progress of some has been surprising indeed. They have learnt Dr. Watts's Catechism, and the Assembly's, perfectly; several chapters, and many hymns. I have reason to hope the instructions of their teachers have been beneficial to the souls of some also who have died, I trust, in the faith and hope of the Gospel. The face of the town appears quite altered, by withdrawing from the streets, to the house and worship of God, so many poor ignorant idle children, whose only employment on the Lord's-day was playing, if not thieving. The Committee will also be pleased to hear that the School is on the most liberal basis, no exception being made to any sect or party; no question of the kind asked; not a syllable ever said on the subject of dissent, pro or con. The far greater number are children of parents who profess to belong to the Established Church; some are children of Baptists, and others of different denominations.—Presbyterians, Independents, and Methodists, and attend accordingly at their respective places of worship.

"I beg to subscribe myself, Sir,

"Your obliged obedient humble servant."

" SIR,

Bacup.

" I humbly request leave to renew my application to the Sunday-School Society for a second donation of books. When we numbered our scholars on the last anniversary, which was about Michaelmas, we counted about 200. The institution, since its commencement, has, under the divine blessing, greatly contributed to diffuse religious knowledge. The Sabbath-day is much more religiously observed, and nearly twice the number of old and young attend public worship. As a proof of this, I need only mention facts which have fallen under my own observation. Prior to the erection of the school, not 500 attended our church; now, 900 or more when the weather is fine. The knowledge of letters and the art of reading, generally despised, are now as generally and ardently sought after. Add to these, what is an inestimable fruit of the happy Institution: several of those who once were scholars, are, I trust, truly converted to God, and rejoice in his Son Jesus Christ, have been admitted to the Lord's table, and walk worthy of their Christian profession; and will be gems in the crown of the Society, at the great day of final retribution. If you will have the goodness to present these communications to the Committee, and pray in my name that a second donation of books may be granted for the use of our Sunday-School, you will,

" Sir,

" Much oblige your's."

" DEAR SIR,

" I have received a Letter from my friend and relation, the Rev. ———, rector of ———, desiring me to acquaint you (with his kindest remembrance) that the Sunday-School at Buckland, Herts, continues to flourish,

in opposition to many obstacles. One singular effect has lately appeared, which deserves to be mentioned. When Mr. ——— first came to the parish, very few could read, and a Bible or a Testament would scarcely be accepted. Through the liberality of friends, few houses are now without the Bible, and every child that can read is in possession either of the Old or New Testament. But, about three or four weeks ago, Mr. ——— procured more than forty Prayer-Books, of different prices, and sent them to a shop to be distributed amongst the poor at very reduced prices; for he knew, from former experience, that they would scarcely accept them as a present. In a few days all but one were sold, and on the next Sunday he had the pleasure of seeing them in the hands of some of the poorest of his congregation.

“ I am your much obliged humble servant.”

“ DEAR SIR,

Swaffham.

“ I have lately opened two Sunday-Schools, in two populous villages in this neighbourhood, allowed by travellers and others to be the seats of vice, irreligion, drunkenness, and obscenity, all the Sabbath-day long, for years past. Thanks be to God, who hath inclined me and others to teach the young and rising generation better things, and better employments of days set apart for the worship of God. As a specimen of the deplorable ignorance prevailing at Castle Acre, one of the villages above alluded to, out of 33 children I met with on January 26th last, there were 29 boys and girls who could not read, which is the proportion throughout the towns in this dark part of Norfolk. On Sunday last, the number of children who attended at the above place were 65, and there are teachers come forward gratuitously,

“ Your's very respectfully.”

" MY DEAR OLD FRIEND,

Bala.

" I think it my duty to communicate to you every favourable tidings respecting the Sunday Schools in our country, which comes within my knowledge, as I am sensible of the high gratification it affords you and the Gentlemen of the Committee to hear of their success every where. I am just returned from a fortnight's tour through Carnarvonshire: every where the children met me by hundreds, to be catechised, which I did thrice every day, travelling at the same time from 15 to 25 miles. I was most highly delighted with the proficiency which the children and young people had made in reading and catechetical instruction throughout the whole country. From the age of 5 to 25 or 30, they generally attend the Schools; and many old people, grey-headed in ignorance, are stirred up by the young to seek for knowledge in the Bible in their old age. They are emerging out of ignorance *en masse*. I find public catechising a very powerful means to keep the Schools lively and vigorous: there is a tendency to decline in human nature, corrupted and averse from divine employments, and catechising publicly is the engine I play with mostly, to counteract that tendency. From some parts of Denbighshire, I hear very favourable tidings; and in one district of this country, there is a very great revival by means of the School there: all the young people attend with undescribable eagerness, and of course their proficiency is rapid and very pleasing.

" It may be satisfactory to the Committee of the Sunday-School Society, to inform them, that not a single cause was brought to be tried at the present Spring Assizes in Merionethshire, Carnarvonshire, nor Anglesea; and this remarkable and unusual circumstance is attributed by many to the general attention to the Bible, excited by

means of the Sunday-Schools, which universally and successfully prevail through those counties. For my own part, I have no doubt of it; and that the Sunday-Schools have had a very great effect in ameliorating the manners of the bulk of the country people here, in point of moral improvement; no doubt can remain in the mind of those who have had a proper opportunity of judging.

"Knowledge of divine truth is much increased, and is still increasing; but we hope to see greater things the succeeding year if we live. I think it my duty to mention these things to you, for the encouragement of the Gentlemen of the Committee, and that they may assuredly know that their labours in the Lord are not in vain.

"The books which you were so kind as to send have been generally received, and have proved very great stimulants, and revived the Schools wherever they were received. We are exceedingly obliged to the Committee for their liberality; and I trust the Lord will enable them to persevere, abounding in the work of the Lord. It is a great comfort to find their exertions crowned with such evident and abundant success.

I am, my dear Friend,

"Truly and affectionately yours."

"SIR,

Cammoran Green, near Omagh, Ireland,

"I have to request you will communicate to the supporters of the Sunday-School Society how much Ireland stands in need of their benevolent aid as also the happy consequences I can record, flowing from the protection already afforded us. The stream of general education, I trust, will now carry in its current of importance, the no less important efforts of *Sunday-School* education. For my part, I deem the latter the most important, as it ex-

tends to the poor working classes, and detaches those poor children from those vicious associations that herd together on the Sabbath-day, the total disregard to which is so lamentably apparent in Ireland. My School at Cam-moran Green, three miles from Omagh, has now continued six years, during which period I have received and educated upwards of one thousand children and grown up young persons: the latter and many of the former, I am convinced, but for such weekly establishment never would have read the word of God.

“ I wish to see the poor child of the Irish peasant educated in that system of religion which Moses and the Prophets, Christ and his Apostles, taught; and if that be not the religion of the Church of England, the Church, as now established, is truly in danger from the Bible.

“ I can state, as a fact, that in my School the reading of the plain word of God, has been blessed to the conversion of several Roman Catholics; and sure I am, it is the Spirit of God alone that can render it effectual; and when I hear of men wishing to accompany the word of God with their notes and comments, as essential to its being understood, I view in them the same spirit that first corrupted Christianity. Moreover, when I reflect that the Scriptures produced the Reformation, that it was in the absence of the Bible, priestcraft raised its head, and when brought to the light of the Gospel as in the Scriptures it fell, I am clearly for still adhering to it alone. I would therefore, Sir, entreat the Sunday-School Society to look towards Ireland, for without their aid, I could not have carried on the various other Schools I have under my care in various parts of the North of Ireland, as, under divine goodness, I know of no means better calculated to extend the kingdom of the Lord Jesus, of producing love to God and good will to man, of raising the drooping spirits of the

poor Roman Catholic from a cross of wood to the "Lamb of God that taketh away the sin of the world."

"I shall at any time feel highly gratified in entering more fully into the state of Ireland as it respects the objects of the Society, and shall strenuously aid their operations therein.

"With many thanks for your personal civilities, and with good will towards the Institution,

"I remain, dear Sir,

"Your obedient humble Servant."

"SIR,

Chipping Barnet.

"I have the pleasure to acquaint you for the information of your Committee, that the Sunday-School I have instituted in this place promises well: upwards of 80 poor children have been admitted, and the number increases weekly. I also feel peculiar satisfaction in stating, that the town wears a very different aspect on the Sabbath from what it did prior to the establishment of this School. Order and decency have taken the place of riot and indecency. The poor children, after attending the School and divine service, return peaceably to their homes with a serious deportment, which evinces that the instruction given has produced a suitable effect on their infant minds. The parents attend church more frequently, and are thankful for the opportunity afforded their children of being taught to read, and instructed in their duties.

"As the number admitted is much greater than what I expected, if you could furnish us with a farther supply of Testaments and Spelling-Books, it would be conferring upon us a signal kindness.

"I remain, Sir,

"Your very obliged and humble servant."

“DEAR SIR,

Bala.

“I returned last week from a month's tour through part of South Wales. The Schools appeared prosperous in most parts where I have been, and hundreds of them were brought for public examinations in different parts.

“In one large district, including four or five parishes, there appeared a very general and powerful awakening among the children and young people who have for a few years past attended the Schools. Hundreds of them appeared of a week-day for public examination in four different places. Their whole soul seemed to be heartily engaged in the work: their appearance was solemn and serious, and the impressions on their minds were deep and powerful. Above 140 have joined society in one parish, in the space of two months, and their examinations were very pleasing and profitable. The awakenings extend to nearly all the young people; and I have not for many years past, witnessed so glorious and delightful a scene. I shall never forget my late visit among them. The Lord most evidently worked powerfully on their well-informed minds. I could not ask them a question on the fundamental articles of Christianity, without obtaining a very proper answer, confirmed by a passage of Scripture. I deemed what I then saw of the work of the Lord among them, an ample reward for all my labours these twenty-six years past in the instruction of our poor people. I write this not from any motive of ostentation, but for the satisfaction of the Committee, and that the Lord by many may be praised for his wonderful works to the children of men. Not unto us! Not unto us! but to thy name, be the praise!

“I can very profitably dispose of many more books, if the Committee choose to entrust me with them. I unite with our poor but willing people, in many thanks for past

esteemed favours. I trust the success of the work among us will encourage the Committee to grant us further assistance. With gratitude and respect to the gentlemen of the Committee,

“ I am, dear Sir,

“ Your’s truly and affectionately.”

“ SIR,

Yeovil.

“ In the name of myself and friends, I beg you to make my thanks acceptable to the Sunday-School Society for their kind present of books. My large little family will, I trust, be thankful to-morrow when the benefaction is presented to them. The inhabitants of the whole of this town having often expressed their admiration at the change already apparent in the children, I cannot deny myself the pleasure of mentioning it. This being a considerable manufacturing town, the number of idle and ragged boys and girls that infested the streets on the Lord’s-day was as notorious as unpleasant to all who are in the habit of resorting to the house of God on that day. Three hundred children withdrawn from the streets render them as quiet as they were noisy before. The growing improvement of the children is truly encouraging to steady perseverance.—Many of them who could not read a letter six months ago, can now not only read, but repeat their catechism and hymns: such will be rewarded to-morrow with a Testament. I must not omit to mention, for the encouragement of the Committee, that before my settlement in this place, there had been a school seven or eight years ago, which, though it declined, from the removal of one or two of its most active members, yet was productive of good both at the time and since. Even now we feel its

good effects, in a dozen teachers, of both sexes, having voluntarily undertaken to teach gratis; declaring to me, that they did so from conviction of its vast importance, and out of gratitude for having themselves been taught in the former School.

"Our School is open to all, embraces some of all the diversities of religious opinion, but not a word is ever hinted by way of restriction. One of our rules requires the parents to attend to solicit the admission of their children, and engage for their cleanly and punctual attendance. This has proved the happy means of bringing many of them to attend divine worship, who have it is to be feared, neglected it for years.

"I am your and their

"Obliged obedient humble servant."

"SIR,

Kirkburton, near Huddersfield.

"The noble institution established in the metropolis for the encouragement of Sunday Schools, will, I hope, justify me (as an advocate and promoter of those seminaries of information and morality) in applying to the Society for books. I have only been resident a short time in this populous village; and was alarmed to find that my predecessors had been either inattentive or unsuccessful. The parents here are chiefly manufacturers of woollen cloth. The trade being so much depressed, and the inhabitants miserably poor, their children have been totally neglected on the Sabbath, and have run up and down in every direction, committing wanton insult and mischief; but it gives me great pleasure to say they are now transformed as it were by magic, and emulate one against another, who shall pay the greatest deference to their teachers and superiors.

"The number already on the list amounts to upwards

of three hundred, and they increase every week. I think that more than one third will soon be capable of reading the Bible.

"I am, Sir,

"Your obliged and very humble servant."

"DEAR SIR,

Clinnog, Carnarvonshire.

"I ought sooner to have acknowledged the receipt of the books from the Sunday-School Society, and to have returned my grateful thanks to the Committee for their kind benefaction, and likewise to you for your attention.

"In this part of the country we have nine schools every Sunday. In this circuit (which is about seven miles in circumference,) since I wrote to you last, the number of scholars have increased to more than four times what I then mentioned.

"But old and young flock there, until our chapels are often so crowded, that there is scarcely sufficient room to accommodate them with seats. Pleasing sight! to see many greyheaded old men and women, with their spectacles on, learning to read the word of God. It makes no difference to them whether little children or somebody else teaches them, as long as they are taught; that is what they eagerly wish for. Again, our young men think it almost a disgrace if they are prevented from attending these meetings. Upon entering *almost* every house in the neighbourhood, there is always some one learning some portion of the Scripture by heart. In some families it is a stated regulation that every one of the household shall learn one verse every day, and repeat, at either morning or evening family duty; and on the Sabbath-night, to repeat the whole that was learnt during the week. I beg to subscribe myself,

"Dear Sir,

Your obedient servant."

" DEAR SIR,

East Malling, Kent.

" It would do your soul good to see and know what a change there is in this village; instead of clamour, outcry, swearing, hoops, tops, and marbles, which filled the village on a Sabbath-day, the place is silent, respectful, and respectable; and so great is the change in the knowledge of the children, who a year ago were nearly all common swearers, that a child, of only six to seven years of age, reasoned with a *man* on the impropriety of swearing, telling him that swearing was sin against God!

" The parents discovering the good their children get come to hear the Gospel; and applications are making every week: and as we take *all* for his sake who loved us, we must be at the expence of fitting out a larger place for the School to assemble.

" Sir, your most obedient
and very humble servant."

" SIR,

Stokesley, Yorkshire.

" Since the commencement of our School, on the 5th of March last, we have admitted about *one hundred and forty scholars*, in many of whom there is already a visible reformation of manners, as well as improvement in reading. One young man, seventeen years of age, who, four months ago, did not know all the letters in the alphabet, can now, (through the instruction which he has received amongst us) *read* tolerably well, and seems to be fast rising out of that ignorance in which he was necessarily found, being brought up in a *work-house*, where he was shut out from every means of literary information. Nor is the utility of this school likely to be confined within itself. By our exertions a spirit of bene-

volent emulation, seems to have been excited in the neighbourhood; and we rejoice to hear, that similar institutions are likely to be set on foot, in many of the towns and villages around us.

"To those regulations mentioned in your circular, we steadily adhere; and also trust, we shall never render ourselves unworthy the approbation of that Society to which we are so particularly indebted.

"I am, dear Sir,

"Your obliged obedient servant."

Hexham, Northumberland.

"DEAR SIR,

"The Testaments and other books for the Sunday School came safely to hand. The School has increased to one hundred and forty children, and has already produced an evident change for the better. Now, no children are to be seen in the streets profaning the Sabbath, and many of the parents that scarcely ever were seen at a place of worship now attend regularly. The prospect is truly encouraging; and I trust we shall see greater things. Be pleased to accept our grateful thanks for your kindness.

"Sir,

"Your's sincerely."





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